Prevention of industrial sickness

1585. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any measures to prevent industrial sickness especially in the small scale sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to prevent industrial sickness, the Reserve Bank of India has advised the scheduled commercial banks to periodically review the accounts of the borrowers to identify units showing signs of sickness so that corrective action could be taken without loss of time. For this purpose, the banks have also been advised to set up cells for concentrated attention and to detect early warning signals. Besides, they have also been advised to strengthen their organisational arrangement for early detection of sickness as also to review the adequacy of the information system and the administrative set-up for detecting incipient sickness.

For prevention of sickness in the small scale sector, the RBI has issued a separate set up detailed guidelines covering important aspects like viability norms and incipient sickness. As illustrative list of warning signals for determining incipient sickness has also been circulated by the RBI.

A separate apex bank for small and tiny units known as "Small Industries Development Bank of India" (SIDBI) has also been made operational from 2.4.1990 so as to provide special attention to the financing of this sector. The bank is gearing up and implementing several schemes having a bearing on smooth development of the small scale sector. The quantum of assistance under the Single Window Scheme being operated by the SIDBI has already been enhanced.

Rath Yatra

1586. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the month of October, 1990 President of a national political party conducted tour of the country defining it as "Rath Yatra";

(b) if so, the details of the States/Cities where the said 'Rath Yatra' passed through;

(c) how many Police and Paramilitary forces personnel were deployed, State-wise, to take control of the Rath Yatra; and

(d) the total cost incurred by each State on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Shri L. K. Advani, President BJP conducted 'Rath Yatra' starting from Somnath on 25th September, 1990. The 'Rath Yatra' passed through Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi and Bihar. Consequent on the arrest of Shri L. K Advani at Samastipur in Bihar on 23rd October, 1990, the Rath Yatra was stopped.

(c) and (d) Under the Constitution of India Public Order', and Police' are State subjects. The State Governments concerned had made necessary security arrangements by deploying Police and Paramilitary forces. The Central Government provided necessary para-military forces and other material assistance to the States concerned.

Scientists employed in Government Scientific Institutions

1587. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 5-6 lakhs scientists are employed in Government scientific institutions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled